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SENATE BILL 424

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE EXPENDITURES; REQUIRING A SALARY REDUCTION
FOR CERTAIN STATE EMPLOYEES; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION--EMERGENCY SALARY
REDUCTIONS.--

A. The legislature finds that, because of the state
and national recession and the resulting shortfall in state
revenues, funding for important government services will have
to be reduced, resulting in a hardship for many New Mexicans.
The legislature also finds that, as a matter of equity, higher
paid state employees, whose positions were obtained outside the
competitive state personnel system, should also make a
relatively small contribution toward restoring the fiscal
integrity of the state.

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1 B. Except as provided in Subsection C of this
2 section, each state agency shall reduce the salary of each
3 employee who is not subject to the coverage of the Personnel
4 Act and whose current annual salary is greater than
5 seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000). The amount of the
6 salary reduction shall equal ten percent of the current salary.

7 C. The salary reduction otherwise required by
8 Subsection B of this section shall not apply to:

9 (1) state officers whose salaries are fixed by
10 statute; or

11 (2) employees of state educational
12 institutions, the legislative branch of government or the
13 judicial branch of government who are not employed in
14 managerial or policy-making positions.

15 D. The reduced salary shall remain in place for the
16 remainder of fiscal year 2009 and throughout fiscal year 2010.

17 E. Salary reductions mandated by this section shall
18 take effect in the first full pay period following the
19 effective date of this act.

20 F. As used in this section, "state agency" means
21 any department, institution, board, bureau, commission,
22 district or committee of government of the state of New Mexico
23 and means every office or officer of any of the above.

24 Section 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
25 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.

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